

1. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising Varicella-Zoster Virus 29p protein having an agent bound thereto, which composition of matter enters a mammalian cell upon contact therewith.
5. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising a Varicella-Zoster Virus 29p protein having operably affixed thereto a lipid-soluble moiety which permits the 29p protein to be anchored to a lipid membrane.
7. (Amended) The lipid vesicle of claim 6, wherein the vesicle's contents comprise an agent.
9. (Amended) A method for delivering an agent into a mammalian cell comprising contacting the agent with the cell, wherein the agent has bound thereto Varicella-Zoster Virus 29p protein which enters the cell upon contact therewith, thereby delivering the agent into the cell.
11. (Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the mammalian cell is a human cell.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the subject application. Claims 8, 10 and 12-23 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected group. Applicants have canceled claims 8, 10 and 12-23 without prejudice and amended claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 11 to introduce minor formatting changes. Support for the term "mammalian cell" in amended claims 1, 9 and 11 can be found at, inter alia, page 11, line 17. Support for the term "Varicella-Zoster Virus 29p protein" in amended